

**RESOLUTION NO. 74617**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN ANNUAL OPERATING GRANT AGREEMENT WITH OUR CITY FOREST FOR 2008 – 2009 AND A MATCHING GRANT AGREEMENT WITH OUR CITY FOREST TO APPLY FUNDS TOWARDS ITS LOCAL MATCH REQUIRED FOR THE AMERICORPS GRANT**

**WHEREAS**, in 1991, City of San José (“City”) initiated Our City Forest (“OCF”), a community based non-profit organization to help the City meet its urban forestry goals, including increasing public awareness, creating the capacity within the community for proper tree care and planting, and accessing additional funds for urban forestry services; and

**WHEREAS**, for the past 17 years, the City has provided an annual operating grant to OCF, which provides base funding for OCF operations related to fund development, finance and grants administration; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of the operating grant, OCF will be required to obtain grants for planting at least 1,500 public and private trees in San José during 2008 – 09, which will directly support City’s Green Vision of planting 100,000 trees; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2007, OCF received a three-year federal grant of \$1.2 million to assist City in building stonger urban forest through training, education, young tree care and planting; and

**WHEREAS**, last year the City provided a matching grant of \$120,000 and on October 7, 2008, City proposed another matching grant of \$120,000 for the AmeriCorps program, which funds the hiring of 22 new trainees to provide urban forestry services to neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to negotiate and execute an annual operating agreement with OCF for 2008 – 2009 in the amount not to exceed \$159,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to negotiate and execute a matching grant agreement in an amount not to exceed \$120,000 for OCF to apply towards its local match required for the AmeriCorps grant;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE THAT:

The City Manager is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute the following:

1. An Annual Operating Grant Agreement with Our City Forest for fiscal year 2008 – 2009 in an amount not to exceed \$159,000.
2. A Matching Grant Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$120,000 for Our City Forest to apply towards its local match required for the AmeriCorps Grant.

ADOPTED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2008, by the following vote:

AYES: CHIRCO, CHU, CONSTANT, LICCARDO, NGUYEN,  
OLIVERIO, PYLE, REED.

NOES:

ABSENT: CAMPOS, CORTESE, WILLIAMS.

DISQUALIFIED:

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CHUCK REED  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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LEE PRICE, MMC  
City Clerk